

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Drew D. Perkins et al.) Group Art Unit: 2616
Serial No.: 10/712,732) Examiner: Brenda H. Pham
Filed: November 12, 2003)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
DEPLOYING FORWARD ERROR)
CORRECTION IN OPTICAL)
TRANSMISSION NETWORKS)
AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF)
PHOTONIC INTEGRATED CIRCUIT)
(PIC) CHIPS WITH THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement having a Notification Date of March 27, 2008 (the response to which having been extended through June 27, 2008, by a payment of a two-month extension of time fee submitted contemporaneously herewith), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I, claims 1-33, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to multiplexing signals;

Group II, claims 34-69, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to de-multiplexing signals; and

Group III, claims 70-111¹, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to multiplexing combined with de-multiplexing.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group III, claims 70-111.

¹ The Office Action indicates that Group III includes claims 17-111. Claims 17-33, however, are included in Group I and claims 34-69 are included in Group II. Accordingly, Applicants assume that the Examiner intended to only include claims 70-111 in Group III.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 50-2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 27, 2008

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